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Community Involvement Opportunities . . . Shaping the Future of Long Beach

The City of Long Beach encourages and invites community involvement in strategic planning that will help re-create the city in which we live, work and play. The following information lists some of the more significant opportunities the public will have to help shape the future of Long Beach. For a quick view of community involvement opportunities, visit www.longbeach.gov.

Economic Development Strategic Plan: Jobs and Business Strategy

The City of Long Beach Economic Development's Jobs and Business Strategy is a strategic plan to help guide the City's economic development efforts for the next five years.

Over the next several months, the City of Long Beach will be engaging in a public outreach process to identify a vision and establish guiding principles for economic development in the city. As part of this outreach plan, the City will be conducting focus groups, community meetings, key informant interviews and a community survey.

For more information, visit www.longbeach.gov/ecd, and click on the Jobs and Business Strategy, or call Marc Morley, Economic Development Bureau at 570.3839.

Consolidated Plan for Housing and Urban Development

The 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in late 2005, is being prepared so that the City can receive its annual allocation of HUD funding. The City anticipates receiving \$15.7 million in HUD funds from various grants in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Plan identifies community needs and priorities that HUD grant funds will address for the next five years. It also establishes the City's eligibility to apply for and receive additional grants.

Call BJ Wills, Development Project Manager, at 570.6668 for meeting dates.

Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Development Process

Fiscal Year 2006 (FY 06) represents the third year of the City's Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan to solve the current budget deficit.

Significant reductions in expenditures and/or revenue increases will be developed and incorporated with the FY 06 Budget.

Community workshops will be held this spring and summer to discuss the City's budget challenges and identify possible solutions to solve them. Also, the Third Annual Budget Summit will be held in mid-summer prior to the delivery of the FY 06 Proposed Budget to the City Council. Please join your neighbors and City staff to ensure that your voice is heard, as you help shape the future direction of the City and the services it delivers to your neighborhood.

For meeting dates, visit www.longbeach.gov/finance, or call Teri Luce, Budget Clerk, at 570.6425.

General Plan Update

The Planning and Building Department is working with the community to update the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the Long Beach General Plan. The General Plan is the City's comprehensive policy document that governs the physical development of the community over the next ten to fifteen years. Policies contained in these General Plan elements provide the framework for zoning and transportation ordinances that regulate the urban fabric of the City. A number of public forums will be held this spring for citizen input.

For more information on opportunities to participate, visit www.longbeach.gov, send an email to general_plan@longbeach.gov or call the General Plan hotline at 570.PLAN (570.7526).

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CALENDAR

Smithsonian Week features "Fashion, Folklore & Fault Lines"

Free Public Events, March 6-12, 2005

The Public Corporation for the Arts (PCA), the arts council for the City of Long Beach, is pleased to announce the 6th annual Smithsonian Week, "Fashion, Folklore and Fault Lines," from March 6-12 and only in Long Beach! The annual celebration will feature three renowned Smithsonian scholars. All events are free to the public, but advance reservations are required. For more information, please visit www.smithsonianweek.com, or call PCA at 432.5100.

Long Beach Reads One Book

Book Week from March 13-18, 2005

The Library Foundation is encouraging everyone in Long Beach to read Ray Bradbury's, *Fahrenheit 451* in March as part of the fourth annual "Long Beach Reads One Book," a community-focused cultural initiative designed to bring people together. The public is invited to participate by reading, discussing, and attending events highlighting the book and its themes. A complete calendar of events is available at libraries and bookstore, on the library web site www.lbpl.org, and the foundation's web site www.lbplfoundation.org.

Hazardous Waste Round-up

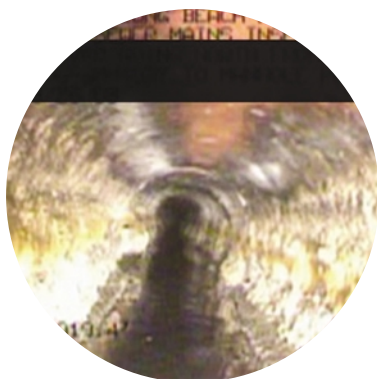
April 2, 2005

Long Beach residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and Electronic-waste free of charge at a Countywide Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup. This free roundup will take place at Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis Street, on Saturday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Materials such as used motor oil, turpentine, acid or lye-based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides, garden herbicides, computers and televisions will be accepted at the annual cleanup. For more information regarding the cleanup please visit www.longbeach-recycles.org or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA.

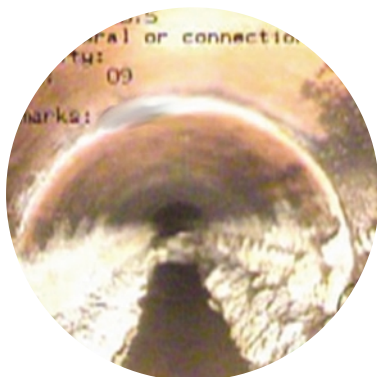


Infrastructure, Health & Environment

FATS, OIL & GREASE (FOG)



The above photo is an actual photo from the sewer system and shows how grease begins to form inside.



Eventually, as seen above, the grease will begin to close the pipeline all together.

Most of the City's sewer infrastructure is televised and cleaned every two years. However, some stretches of the City's sewer system require a much more frequent maintenance schedule because of fats, oil and grease (FOG), which is illegally washed into the system, primarily by food preparation establishments that do not have adequate grease control devices or maintenance measures in place.

FOG poses a significant threat to public health, the quality of our beaches and to the integrity of the City's sewer infrastructure. The extra cost of reducing these threats, which run in the hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, are paid by Long Beach residents. In fact, 62 different locations throughout the City of Long Beach, totaling over 70,500 feet of sewer main, require labor intensive inspection and cleaning every two -to-three months, rather than the normal two-year schedule, due to excessive FOG build-up. That's an additional seven times every two years for the same locations.

Because of these two-to-three month repeats, the Water Department loses 180 days per year on preventative maintenance of other critical infrastructure. In fact, if not for the 90-day repeats, the Water Department could have cleaned an additional 500,000 feet of main line last year.

FOG not only destructively attaches to the inner lining of private plumbing systems, but also to the public sewer system in city streets. With time, FOG will constrict flow causing damaging and often expensive sewage backups and overflows. An uncontrolled sewage overflow could eventually find its way from the street to the storm drain, which can ultimately lead to our beaches. FOG also makes the sewage treatment process more expensive, often clogging the filtration units used to clean the water.

Please help Long Beach Water control FOG.

You can do your part at home by:

- Not putting grease down garbage disposals
- Dry wiping or scraping grease and food scraps from dishes, pots and pans into a can or trash for disposal before putting them in the dishwasher
- Using baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and dispose of it in the trash
- Using less oil
- Using liquid oil rather than solid grease or lard
- Urge food preparation establishments in your area to use proper grease control measures when preparing food.

For more information about FOG visit www.lbwater.org or call 570.2311.

This information is available in an alternate format by calling 570.6379.